



SOUTHWEST PRECINCT REPORT

The following report includes the results of a series of meetings that were held across the Southwest Precinct over the past several months as part of the Safe Communities Initiative. These meetings gave community members the chance to talk directly with police officers, City of Seattle employees, and each other about how to improve public safety in their neighborhoods. Here are the results of those conversations, which include descriptions of what we're doing at the Southwest Precinct to meet the community's goals for public safety.

Gang and Youth Engagement

What we heard	<p>There is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More opportunities and programming for youth to engage with Seattle Police Department
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the budget for the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI) by \$1.1 million in the 2013/2014 budget (http://safeyouthseattle.org/) • Increasing support for Seattle Youth Employment Program (SYEP) (http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/youth/employment.htm) • Increasing the number of “donut dialogues” and the Explorer Program in 20/20 (http://www.seattle.gov/police/youth/explorers.htm) • Introduced the Work Readiness Arts, in collaboration with Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative and the Office of Arts and Culture. The Work Readiness Arts is a program that provides up to 70 at-risk youth ages 14 to 18 with summer employment that links arts learning and work experiences (http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/press/newsdetail.asp?ID=13715)
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to prioritize public safety and human services—including youth services—in the budget process • Use the Seattle Youth Commission as a way to receive youth input on Seattle Police Department outreach and policies • The Gang Unit will continue to attend community events and working with schools across the precinct • Utilize Southwest Precinct Community Police Team as liaison officers with various schools of interest • Provide proactive, visible patrols in all areas of gang violence • Southwest Anti-Crime Team will provide added emphasis patrols in areas of gang violence • Partner with SPD Gang Unit as well as neighboring enforcement agencies in efforts to curtail gang violence • Work closely with youth and SPD Community Outreach Team with efforts to deter gang involvement.

Drug Activity and Violence

What we heard	<p>There is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Seattle Departments like SPD, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and Seattle Parks Department (Parks) to host community Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) events in West Seattle for all managed public spaces like parks, walkways,
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	<p>and public spaces prior to routine maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPD community patrols in hot spots • Closer and friendlier relationships between SPD and the community
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing patrol efforts to respond to and investigate violence and drug issues • Partnering with other City agencies to assist with identifying the root causes of the observed drug and violence issue • Continue partnership efforts with the Southwest Precinct Community
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neighborhood Policing Plan (NPP 2.0) will be updated in 2013-2014 through an analysis of current patrol workload data, staffing analysis, and new deployment maps to determine the optimal number of police officers and how best to use those resources (http://www.seattle.gov/police/programs/NPP.htm) • Improve citywide coordination to ensure focus on public safety issues • Department of Neighborhoods and Seattle Police Department are working on a proposal to be considered in the 2014 budget process for increased community outreach and engagement particularly in support of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design projects

Burglary and Car Theft

What we heard	<p>There's a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More officers to patrol high crime areas • Improved communication from SPD on burglary and car theft cases • Recruiting officers who are bilingual • Using ethnic media to help those who do not speak English as their first language
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Seattle Police Department is using Predictive Policing software, which focuses on predictive policing of property crimes (http://mayormcginn.seattle.gov/introducing-new-predictive-policing-software) • SPD Public Service Initiative addresses how officers can improve communication • New recruitment policies (#11 of the 20/20 Plan) will address recruiting officers that reflect the values of our City and be committed to help build the exceptional police department that our community deserves (http://www.seattle.gov/spd2020/)
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs will continue to work with City Departments to engage communities that do not speak English as their first language using ethnic media

911 Communication

What we heard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's a need for improved 911 service
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing SPD Customer Service and 911 response
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with SPD to educate the community on how to use 911 • Work with the SPD's 20/20 team and Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to include a focus on immigrant and refugee communities in the

911 educational efforts.

Communication and Collaboration

What we heard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The community wants more officer engagement and accessibility to officers and have SPD engage more youth for more personal connections• Seattle Police Department should train officers to be aware of their own cultural biases
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased Community Engagement through informal gatherings, personal relationships, living room conversations, and holding "office hours" at local coffee shops. (http://www.seattle.gov/spd2020/)• Race and Social Justice Initiative training for Seattle Police Department to address negative social and racial stereotypes (http://www.seattle.gov/police/policy/RSJI.htm)
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invite district officers to participate in block watch coordinated events• Coordinate with Seattle Police Foundation for increased formal neighborhood events• Create a pilot technology education program through the Seattle Public Library to teach community members how to access and use Seattle Police Department's data and website